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Title: METHOD AND APPARATUS FOR ESTIMATING AN
OPTIMAL DOSAGE OF BLEACHING AGENT TO BE
USED IN A PROCESS FOR PRODUCING PULP
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I, Luc Laperrière, depose and say:

1. I contributed as a co-inventor of the subject matter claimed and disclosed in the U.S. patent application identified above.

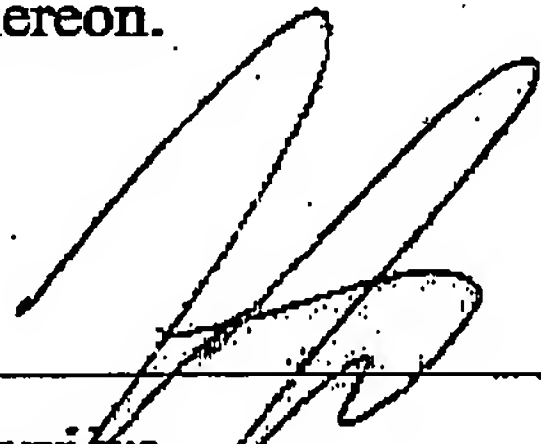
2. On October 28, 2003, I participated as a speaker to the 2003 TAPPI Fall Technical Conference, specifically to session no. 45 entitled "Process Simulation II (joint Engineering /PCE&I)", by presenting paper no. 45-1 entitled "Chip Properties Analysis for Predicting Bleaching Agents

Declaration of Luc Laperrière
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Requirements for TMP Pulps", which paper was directed to the subject matter of said U.S. patent application. No specific information regarding the content of said lecture was publicly disclosed prior to October 28, 2003. A confirmation from TAPPI of that publication date is given in an email message from Mrs Lorie M. Smith, TAPPI Member Services Manager, sent on September 17, 2008 in response to an information request letter addressed to TAPPI on August 6, 2008 by the Patent Agent of Record for said U.S. patent application, Mr. Jean-Claude Boudreau. Copies of said TAPPI email message and information request letter are enclosed herewith.

3. I hereby declare that all statements made herein of my own knowledge are true and that all statements made on information and belief are believed to be true; and further that these statements were made with the knowledge that willful false statements and the like so made are punishable by fine or imprisonment, or both, under 18 U.S.C. 1001 and that such willful false statements may jeopardize the validity of the application or any patent issued thereon.



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Dear Jean-Claude,

The 2003 TAPPI Fall Technical Conference was held on October 26, 2003 through October 30, 2003. The specific paper you are enquiring about was presented on October 28, 2003 at 3:30pm central time. If you need anything else, please let me know.

Best Regards,
Lori Smith

It was my pleasure serving you today!

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—Forwarded Message—

From: Jean-Claude Boudreau
Sent: Sep 12, 2008 2:24 PM
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Subject: Information request - 2003 TAPPI Fall Technical Conference

Mr. Robie,

I am in-house patent agent with Centre de Recherche Industrielle du Québec (CRIQ), and I was referred to you by Mr. Luc Laperrière (UQTR), who has been working with CRIQ in joint R & D projects during the past years.

Attached hereto is a copy of a request letter sent to TAPPI on August 6, 2008, for which a response was received from the TAPPI Member Connexion through email on August 15, which was followed on the same day by a reply from us noting that the given response was incomplete. A copy of the email exchanges is also attached hereto.

Having not received any further response from TAPPI, and since you may have participated to the organization of session 45-1 of 2003 TAPPI Fall Technical Conference that was presented by Mr. Laperrière. I thought that you could be in a position to help CRIQ regarding that matter. Thank you for your assistance.

I look forward to hearing from you.

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August 6, 2008

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In Re.: Information request - 2003 TAPPI Fall Technical Conference

Sir/Madam:

I am in-house patent agent with Centre de Recherche Industrielle du Québec (CRIQ), and a colleague of Mr. Feng Ding who is also with CRIQ, and a member of TAPPI (# 1236516).

In October 2003, an employee of CRIQ, Mr. Pierre Bédard (who is no longer with CRIQ), participated as a speaker at the 2003 TAPPI Fall Technical Conference, session 45-1: "Chip Properties Analysis for Predicting Bleaching Agents Requirements for TMP pulp".

We would greatly appreciate that you provide us with specific information about the exact date at which the above-mentioned session has been held, and the exact date at which the corresponding conference paper has been published.

We look forward to hearing from you.

Best regards,

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